

	OPERATING PROCEDURE	
	<i>RESPIRATORY DISTRESS/PULMONARY EDEMA</i>	
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	Approved By: 	
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ALS ONLY

1. Connect patient to cardiac monitor and document rhythm strip. Refer to appropriate protocols for life threatening dysrhythmias.
2. Note: PVC's are a common occurrence with hypoxia and are best treated with OXYGEN. Attempt to correct hypoxia prior to administering antidysrhythmics.
3. Establish an IV of 0.9% Sodium Chloride.
4. Administer 1 tablet, (0.4 mg), or metered dose spray, of NITROGLYCERIN sublingually. Repeat q 5 minutes PRN, not to exceed 3 doses.
5. Administer LASIX:
 - ❑ If adult patient *is not* currently prescribed LASIX, administer 0.5mg/kg slow IV push, not to exceed 40 mg.
 - ❑ If adult patient *is* currently prescribed LASIX, administer double the PO dosage, not to exceed 100 mg slow IV push.

MEDICAL CONTROL ONLY

6. Administer Morphine Sulfate 2 to 10 mg slow IV Push.
7. Repeat NTG, LASIX, MORPHINE or other interventions as directed by On Line Medical Control